



Media Advisory

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Avalon City Fire Captain John Meffert to be Recognized at OCFA Board of Directors Meeting

Who: The Orange County Fire Authority Fire Chief, Jeff Bowman, and the Board of Directors will be recognizing Avalon City Fire Captain John Meffert for his actions after the plane crash that occurred on the 405 Freeway on June 30th, 2017.

What: On June 30th, a small twin engine Cessna 310 lost engine power upon takeoff from John Wayne Airport. The plane attempted to circle back and land on the runway, but was unable to make it back to the airport and crashed onto the southbound 405 Freeway. Captain Meffert's was travelling on the 405 freeway when his vehicle was struck by the aircraft. Captain Meffert exited his vehicle and proceeded to pull the pilot and passenger to safety, while the plane was on fire. His actions will be recognized by a special commendation presented by Fire Chief Jeff Bowman, and the OCFA Board of Directors.

When: **Thursday, July 27th**
6:00 p.m.

Where: **Orange County Fire Authority Headquarters**
Board of Directors Chamber
1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA.

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